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TO : The Under Secretary
 THROUGH: S/S
 FROM : INR - Roger Hilsman

SUBJECT: Free-World Shipping to Cuba Since the End of the US Quarantine

In accordance with your recent request, we have compiled the following data on Soviet use of free-world shipping to Cuba since November 20, 1962.

Ship Movements

According to available intelligence information, a total of 19 free-world ships have arrived at Cuban ports since the end of the US Quarantine (6:45 p.m., November 20) through midnight, December 13. It is possible that one or two more ships have arrived during the period midnight, December 13, through 12:00, December 14, but confirmed information on them has not yet been received.

Fourteen of those reported are dry cargo and five are tankers. Nine were chartered to the USSR, three to Communist China, and two to Cuba.

Grouped by flag, seven are British, four Greek, two Swedish, one West German, one Norwegian, one Spanish, one Italian, one Dutch, and one Lebanese.

Specific Ships and Charters

The ships reported are as follows:

Dry Cargo

Name	Flag	Charter
1. Angelos	Greece	USSR Time
2. Almen	Sweden	USSR Voyage
3. Amacrea	Greece	USSR Voyage
4. Domsheida	West Germany	Communist China Time
5. Flamenca	United Kingdom	--
6. Helene Freethuse	Norway	Communist China Time

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Dry Cargo (Continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Charter</u>
7. Pamit	Greece	--
8. Stancrown	United Kingdom	USSR Voyage
9. Silverland	Sweden	USSR Voyage
10. Sierra Maria	Spain	Cuba Voyage
11. Maria Lauritana	Italy	USSR Voyage
12. West Breeze	United Kingdom	Communist China Time
13. Zephyros	Lebanon	Cuba Voyage
14. Dathis	Netherlands	--

Tanker

<u>Name</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Charter</u>
1. Perseus	Greece	USSR Voyage
2. London Confidence	United Kingdom	USSR Voyage
3. Athelcrown	United Kingdom	--
4. Athelduke	United Kingdom	--
5. Overseas Explorer	United Kingdom	USSR Voyage

Soviet-Bloc Shipping

A total of 32 Soviet-bloc ships have been reported as arriving at Cuban ports during the same period. They have consisted of 19 dry cargo ships, 4 passenger ships, 8 tankers, and 1 trawler-refrigerator ship.

Cargoes

Cargoes in both free-world and Soviet-bloc ships to Cuba during this period have included agricultural machinery, tractors, trucks, grains, chemicals, steel forms and building materials, trucks, cotton, medical supplies, insecticides, construction machinery, and crude oil and refined petroleum products. There has been no evidence of arms or any of the cargoes arriving at Cuba since the quarantine